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EXDIS, FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CY, GR, TU

SUBJECT: CYPRUS: YOUR MEETING WITH WALDHEIM IN NAIROBI

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REF: USUN 1840

1. RECENT REPORTING FROM USUN (USUN 1840) AND NICOSIA INDICATES THAT WALDHEIM IS EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC RE PROSPECTS FOR THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. HE SUSPECTS THAT NEITHER SIDE IS INTERESTED IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND TAKES THE POSITION THAT HE SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN "A CHARADE" THAT WILL LEAD NOWHERE. UN OFFICIALS HAD BEEN PINNING WHAT LITTLE HOPE REMAINS ON THE "HUMANITARIAN TALKS" SCHEDULED TO RESUME MAY 3 IN NICOSIA BETWEEN THE NEW NEGOTIATORS PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN. THE TURKISH SIDE, HOWEVER, HAS NOW ASKED FOR A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL MAY 12 OR 13.

2. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY BRILLIANT FORMULA TO GET SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP WALDHEIM AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE ON CYPRUS ACTIVE IN LOOKING FOR WAYS AROUND PROCEDURAL HURDLES. THIS WILL IN-

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VOLVE GETTING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO TAKE REFERENCES TO THE

SECRETARY GENERAL OUT OF THEIR INITIAL TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS AND A COMMITMENT FROM THE TURKISH SIDE TO THEN COME FORWARD WITH TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS OF THEIR OWN. THE WAY MIGHT THEN

BE CLEAR TO GO BACK TO VIENNA AND GET SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT ON PRINCIPLES TO REACH THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAGE IN NICOSIA, WHERE GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES COULD BE PRESENT AND WHICH IS PROBABLY THE ONLY WAY TO GET ANY REAL DISCUSSION OF TERRITORY.

3. WALDHEIM IS RELUCTANT TO GO TO VIENNA JUST TO OVERCOME PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS. IF THERE IS SOME OTHER WAY TO OVERCOME THEM, IT WOULD BE ALL TO THE GOOD, BUT IF NOT, WALDHEIM'S PRESENCE AT A VIENNA MEETING MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

4. MEANWHILE, THE GREEKS (BITSIOS IN ATHENS AND THEIR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON) HAVE REMINDED US THAT YOU SAID WE WOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO GET A TURKISH PROPOSAL TO THE TABLE. WALDHEIM WILL PROBABLY URGE THE SAME. CAGLAYANGIL HAS BEEN AWAY FROM ANKARA AND WILL BE LEAVING AGAIN AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD THERE THIS WEEKEND. IT IS THEREFORE NOT CERTAIN THAT MACOMBER WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM BEFORE HE GOES TO NAIROBI.

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